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Mr. Ron Laird
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Dear Mr. Laird:

Thank you for contacting me with your suggestion for simplifying the tax code. I appreciate your thoughtful comments and welcome the opportunity to respond.

It is estimated that the average family today pays nearly 40 percent of their income in local, state, and federal taxes combined. In a family where both parents work, in many cases, one parent is essentially working for the government. This is unacceptable. There are currently many tax relief proposals in Congress that deserve careful consideration.

I am dedicated to reforming the tax code to lower the burden on all Americans and making the tax code fairer, flatter, and simpler. Please be assured I will keep your suggestion in mind as tax reform proposals are considered.

Thank you again for contacting me. Please feel free to contact me in the future on other matters of concern to you.

Sincerely,



Mike Crapo
United States Senator

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